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DEPT ALSO PASS TO DR EHRLICH, DHEW

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: WHO

SUBJ: NEW WHO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL

1. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT WHO ADG PAVLOV WILL BE LEAVING GENEVA THE END OF SEPTEMBER TO OCCUPY IN THE USSR THE POSITIONS OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

2. PAVLOV'S REPLACEMENT IS DR IVAN DANILOVIC LADNYI. ALTHOUGH DR LADNYI HAS ALREADY BEEN APPOINTED, HIS RESPONSIBILITIES WILL NOT BE ANNOUNCED UNTIL EARLY OCTOBER.

3. DR LADNYI IS THE FORMER CHIEF, CENTRAL BOARD OF QUARANTINABLE DISEASES, MINISTRY OF HEALTH, MOSCOW. HE HAS WORKED PREVIOUSLY FOR WHO AS A STAFF MEMBER AND CONSULTANT IN SOUTHWEST ASIA AND IN AFRICA IN THE WHO SMALLPOX ERADICATION PROGRAM.

4. DR. D.A. HENDERSON, DIRECTOR OF WHO'S SMALLPOX ERADICATION PROGRAM, HAS PERSONALLY KNOWN DR LADNYI SINCE 1965. DR LADNYI IS ALSO WELL KNOWN TO HEW'S CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) IN ATLANTA, WHERE HE ATTENDED A TRAINING COURSE IN 1975.

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5. DR HENDERSON'S EVALUATION OF DR LADNYI FOLLOWS:

"HE IS A SUPERIOR INDIVIDUAL AND HAS BEEN OUR SMALLPOX MAN IN EAST AFRICA FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS. HE CAN DO THE WORK OF ANY THREE MEN AND HAS CONSISTENTLY WRITTEN OUTSTANDING REPORTS IN AMAZING ENGLISH, INCLUDING ONE ON A WEST AFRICAN MONKEY POX SURVEY."

6. DR HENDERSON ADDED THAT HE HIMSELF HAS SINCE LEARNED FROM DR VENEDICTOV, USSR MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER OF WHO, THAT HIS LETTER TO THE USSR MINISTRY OF HEALTH PRAISING DR LADNYI'S WORK ON SMALLPOX IN AFRICA LED TO AN UNUSUAL CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENT FOR DR LADNYI FROM A RELATIVELY OBSCURE LECTURER'S POSITION IN A MEDICAL SCHOOL IN KIEV TO THAT OF CHIEF, CENTRAL BOARD OF QUARANTINABLE DISEASES IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, MOSCOW. IN TELLING THIS TO DR HENDERSON, DR VENEDICTOV RELATED THAT "IT WAS LIKE BEING PROMOTED FROM CORPORAL TO MAJOR-GENERAL IN ONE STEP".

7. TO ILLUSTRATE DR. VENEDICTOV'S ANALOGY, DR HENDERSON ADDED LADNYI HAS RECENTLY BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR SIX OR SEVEN INSTITUTES IN MOSCOW WITH APPROXIMATELY TWO THOUSAND PERSONNEL PER INSTITUTE AND OF SOME ONE HUNDRED FIELD UNITS OF 100-150 PERSONNEL PER UNIT. HE HAS BEEN WORKING DIRECTLY UNDER BUGASOV, VICE MINISTER OF HEALTH. HE IS BETWEEN 40-45 YEARS OLD. CATTO

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